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Photo by Grant Garwood, Photo Editor

A woman inspects the new realistic-looking Barbie Dolls during the after-Thanksgiving shopping rush.

Education faces gender discrimination charges

By NOL BECKLEY
Editor

A former assistant professor of education has filed a gender discrimination charge in federal court in Indianapolis against the university on Oct. 20.

Edlyn Jones said she was informed she would not be reappointed as an assistant professor for the 1997-1998 school year even though her complaint said her "credentials to support reappointment and continuation toward tenure at IPFW are the same or similar to those of male colleagues in the School of Education at the time of their tenure and promotion."

After Jones' non-reappointment, the IU faculty board of review recommended Jones be reappointed for the 1997-1998 school year. She would also have a year-long probationary period ending in 1998.

The board also found nepotism played a part in the decision not to reappoint Jones. The board said they thought it was inappropriate for Dean of Education Betty Steffy to reconsider Jones' non-reappointment because she is married to Fenwick English, vice chancellor of academic affairs and former Dean of Education.

"Our concern about the nepotism issue is reinforced by evidence which suggests that Dean Steffy did not have sufficient materials available on which to base her reconsideration of Professor Jones' non-reappointment," the board found.

Jones was terminated from the university despite a recommendation by the faculty board of review to reappoint her and also despite the board's finding that IPFW violated IU, IPFW and school of education rules, policies and procedures by unfairly terminating her from the university.

Jones' attorney, Michael K. Bonnell, said the university acted indifferently during the faculty board of review hearing.

Two administrators didn't show up to the hearing and documents requested from the administration by

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NCAA responds

By TONY LAUX
Sports Editor

A completion of the NCAA investigation of IPFW men's basketball program has been reached concerning NCAA violations reported to the NCAA by former compliance officer David Fairchild.



Butch
Perchan

Athletic Director Butch Perchan said he had a conversation with NCAA representatives who indicated one of the self-reported violations was accurate but the other reported incidents involving transfer students were not violations of NCAA regulations.

The NCAA also concluded the institutional infractions which were reported were not a violation of its bylaws. Perchan said all but one of these infractions would normally be reported. The one reported viola-

tion involving a confrontation between a student-athlete and a staff member was self-reported to the NCAA but did not need to be.

The NCAA violation which was substantiated involved a student-athlete who was contacted five times, which is one time too many according to the NCAA by former regulations.

"We immediately declared the athlete ineligible. We then requested from the NCAA, in a separate letter, that since we had self-reported the violation that they reinstate the player, which they did several months ago," Perchan said.

The next step for the athletic department is to wait and receive the letter from the NCAA which

will list the sanctions that will be imposed upon Head Basketball Coach John Williams.

The sanctions that were proposed by Fairchild to the NCAA were for Williams to write letters to each of the institutions from whose

"I HAVE NO POWER TO REMOVE THE SANCTIONS WHICH THE NCAA CAN REMOVE SANCTIONS," PERCHAN SAID



John
Williams

prospects visited IPFW, to limit the number of transfer students to four for the next academic year and to prohibit off-campus recruiting during the whole month of December and the first seven days of March.

Although The Journal Gazette reported that Perchan was considering removing the sanctions against Williams, Perchan said he has no control over them.

Williams also wanted to wait until he "had a hard copy in hand before any comments on this subject."

Campus organizations come through for Fort Wayne community families

By DOODIE MILLER
Chief Reporter

Early, feels that college students becoming involved with the shelter can have positive effects.

"I think that as a college organization it has been tremendous," said Early. "I wish more groups would get involved. Residents need to see more people from the educational realm."

In addition to giving residents a place to stay, Second Chance offers residents jobs and job training by working with temporary labor agencies, and through community resources.

The shelter staff also helps the residents get low-income housing. This year's donation drive is not the first time the Black Collegian Caucus and Second Chance have come together in an effort to assist the shelter.

During the Three Rivers Festival, the two entities had a booth in an effort to raise money. Early thinks it would be possible for the groups to collaborate again.

Black Collegian Caucus President Lynette Lewis is also pleased to help Second Chance.

"We want to give back in a way that is more direct. We want to see our efforts really help out the Black community."

The group plans to donate a plethora of travel-sized items that the residents can easily take with them as they are discharged from Second Chance. Children's items are needed as well.

Second Chance will take any donation. Individuals need to call the shelter at 426-3120 for more specific instructions for donating.

Hispanos Unidos President Palermo Galindo is confident this year's effort to help a family in need will be as successful as last year's.

Last year the group adopted a family that consisted of a single mother and her five chil-

dren. The families are usually selected from Catholic Charities or from another agency that have families that have not been selected by a corporation or individual.

The families the group has selected this year include several children from preschool to early teen years and a single mother.

The needs for the families are the same: winter clothing and perhaps a toy for the small children.

The families receive gift certificates from WAJ's Make-A-Wish List for edible items.

The goal of Hispanos Unidos is to help families, regardless of background, who are in need. The group would also appreciate it if those outside of the group become involved.

Galindo would like for more people to join the group or donate.

In order to get more people involved, the group is hosting a Holiday Fiesta on Saturday at 9 p.m.

This is held at the Cambridge Square II Clubhouse, 7600 Cold Springs Blvd., across from Northrup High School on Cook Rd.

People who attend the party must bring a donation. The group will also have collection barrels in the Classroom-Medical Lounge, and in the basement of Kettler Hall.

Galindo has some very specific goals for his organization.

"One of my main goals as president is to have the group reach out to the community and let the community know that we are not too busy to help," said Galindo. "The other is to have students from different backgrounds join Hispanos Unidos."

Briefly . . . the news

ORGANIZATIONS

Drag show benefits US

This Sunday, United Sexualities will hold a benefit in the Walb Ballroom at 7 p.m.

The drag show will feature a few of Fort Wayne's best female impersonators, including the Grand Diva herself, Tula.

United Sexualities is a social, supportive, educational and advocacy organization for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered.

Tickets for the drag show are available at After Dark, Hi-Tech Hair salon and the IPFW Student Activities Office. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

All proceeds will benefit United Sexualities.

FINALS

Study in Walb

Starting Monday, Dec. 8, and running through the week, Multicultural Services will be sponsoring study tables for students in the Walb Ballroom.

Multicultural services will be providing paper, highlighters, study and test-taking aids.

The study tables will be opening at 8 a.m. and will close at 9 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

They will be closing at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Free refreshments will also be available.

COMMUNITY

Goods for the needy

Help families this Christmas season by donating items to the Community Harvest Food Bank.

Financial Affairs is collecting goods for needy and hungry families in the Fort Wayne area.

The collection boxes are located in Kettler in front of the information desk and outside the Bursar's office. There are also boxes located in Neff, ET, Classroom Medical, and the Walb Union.

Some good items to donate: canned soups, vegetables and fruits, spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, noodles, coffee, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Truth often hurts, but still must be told

As journalists, we pride ourselves on our ethical prowess and journalistic integrity. We have learned, through time, to develop a "thick skin" with regards to what we write and print. It's a fact that not every reader will like every story. Thus, we can take jibes attacking the quality of the information that we print. We can also take barbs that question our choice of news. That's part of life as a journalist.

As a result, we have learned to stand firm for what we believe is important news that you, the community, have the right to know. Most of the time, we are lucky enough to bring you news that is hopeful and positive. Sometimes, however, what you need most to know—the things that will impact you the most—are not pleasant to read. But they still deserve a voice. You deserve to hear both the good and the bad.

Lately, The Communicator has been taking a lot of heat for our coverage about the numbers and allegations surrounding Chancellor Michael Wardell's protocol (or lack thereof). We've been both lauded in some circles and lambasted in others for the "can of worms" that we've opened. We've also sparked the curiosity of our local media, who have done follow-ups to our story. Obviously, we've hit a nerve in the community.

We've been accused of, among other things, carrying out a "crusade" to destroy the chancellor and his professional reputation. Our editor has been personally attacked in editorial letters in The Journal Gazette and The News-Sentinel; he was called "irresponsible" in one and "sensation-seeking" in another. It has also been rumored that our editor is spearheading this attack in retaliation for a situation that occurred (some time ago) where the chancellor tried to remove him from his position. That's an untrue and unfair assumption that is being made about our editorial policies.

It came to our attention that a tense atmosphere has been created on this campus—one where many members of the faculty are afraid to speak their minds, for fear of certain

alleged "consequences." These consequences involve the loss of funding and an alleged "enemy list" supposedly held by the chancellor.

We've been told by our detractors that we're blowing things out of proportion and that this will all go away really soon. Unfortunately, this will not go away quickly.

Anything that makes instructors and employees uncomfortable and nervous on this campus affects the students in some way, shape or form. If our instructors are being threatened into compliance, lest their budgets shrivel, who's really losing here? The answer: everyone.

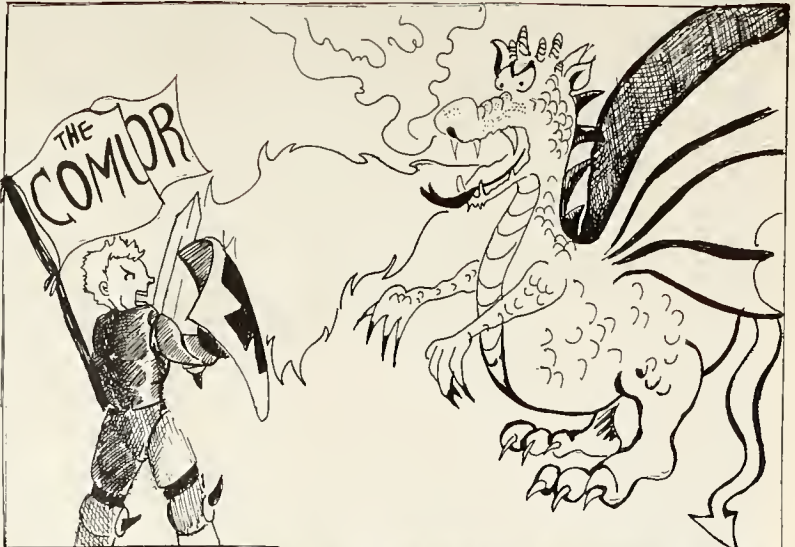
Things that happen at IPFW don't just affect the students and staff—they affect every citizen who is paying taxes on this property and its buildings, every person who attends a campus event, every generous man or woman who donates money to help this university grow stronger. If you don't think that this alleged problem affects you, then you haven't really been paying attention. It has everything to do with you.

Contrary to some local opinion, this is not a one-man "let's-get-the-chancellor-kicked-out-of-office" game that we are playing. We are fully aware that we are dealing with someone's reputation and career. We are also fully aware of what furor our actions are creating. However, we are also tuition- and tax-paying adults, and as such, we have a say in what occurs here.

Something is occurring on this campus that is disturbing the people with whom we have entrusted our education. These people give us knowledge and the skills to make a future. They give us much of themselves, often thoughtlessly. We have taken it upon ourselves to get to the truth, to give something to them for once.

This is NOT a witch-hunt; we have given the chancellor opportunity upon opportunity to talk with us about the allegations, but he has refused.

We simply want an explanation and corrective action before our academic futures are threatened any further.



By Denny Shee - Editorial Cartoonist

Letters to the Editor

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Round-about = disaster

TO THE EDITOR:
I have enjoyed IPFW for a year now. I have enjoyed everything about the campus, except for the turn-about. This newest addition is a real problem. I travel the turn-about on a daily basis and it is a hazard. The drivers have no respect for the yield signs. This could end up being a huge disaster in the winter months. The drivers shoot in from four directions with no respect for someone going around at the same time. The turn-about has two lanes but I find them to be very ineffective. The one lane is for drivers circling and the other is for drivers wanting to exit one of the four directions.

I'm not exactly sure what a good alternative would be but I find this addition could end up being a problem in the future. The lack of drivers not obeying the yield signs could end up injuring ones who obey them. I believe a method of controlling the turn-about needs to be thought about for the students' safety. Also, the lanes need to be marked so drivers know what each lane is used for.

JOE DEKONINCK
IPFW STUDENT

Editor mistaken

TO THE EDITOR:
This is in regards to Tony Laux's Dirty Laundry column titled "Fire Knight: hire Alford." I feel that what Tony stated about the teams, IU, mostly, was not called for. It appears that he has no opinion of his own and the only thing he is capable of is disparaging others, rather than forming an opinion of his own.

What is the point of being a Sports Editor if all you can do is put

teams down?
I realize he was trying to be funny; however, he did a better job of being annoying.
Next time, Tony, try not to be such an authoritarian.

MARY WATERMAN
IPFW STUDENT

Payment deadline unfair

TO THE EDITOR:
I feel it is outrageous that all fees for each semester be paid only one day after the last day for registration. This is particularly outrageous for early registration. I am aware they set this deadline so people will not sign up for classes after they change their minds about attending that semester, thus, filling the classes for later registration.

However, I feel there should be some way of holding your schedule without having to pay the full amount, one half of the amount or even one fourth of the amount due. If I am in installments additional fees are added to your total. You should be able to hold your schedule at least for a week after the last date of registration. This would not deprive later registration does not even begin for nearly two weeks after the early. I simply feel there should be some reasonable and humane approach on the part of the Bursar's office.

MICHAEL GILLESPIE
IPFW STUDENT

Finding a spot

TO THE EDITOR:
I have searched for months. Still, as I drive around campus, I have yet to find a parking lot that will consistently have an open spot during the morning.

Then again, I cannot really say that is entirely true. I guess the parking lots by Gates Sports Center may have open spaces.

It is just too bad that it seems like a mile to walk to all of my classes from those lots.

This is not a big problem in good weather. However, when it is cold and raining, I am a mess by the

time I get to my first class. I know there is a new parking garage under construction right now. I have heard that currently there is no completion date. Is there really someone who thinks the parking situation is not a problem?
I really do not understand why they would take their time on this project.

RODNEY FULKERSON
IPFW STUDENT

Parking situation hurts students

TO THE EDITOR:
Of all of the perplexing problems in the world going around in my head, the one that summons the most belief in me is the lack of student parking for IPFW students. How can a college campus have such a lack of concern for its students?
This problem goes deeper than a bemoaned student's frustration of parking availability. It goes right to the heart of a stu-

dent's chance for an equal opportunity for an education. This problem can cause students to miss classes and in turn, disrupt their grades. I do not feel that a student's grades should be disrupted because they lost the time to the last parking spot. Not only does it pose a problem for students, but it is also upsetting to the professors. It is not unusual for a class to have numerous late comers because

of their searching. IPFW needs to hold off all other projects needing money and concentrate on the one students are most concerned with. If a college refuses to take care of the people that should be, they will eventually not have anyone to take care of.

VIC BOWLING
IPFW STUDENT

Voluntary evacuation not good

TO THE EDITOR:
I am writing in response to the issue of bomb threats that have been occurring since September. As a student of IPFW, this has affected me almost every week since I have been here. I think the count is up to eighteen now. This is my first semester here and I am already getting a bad impression.
I admit I do not mind missing class once in awhile, but I live 40 miles away and have only two classes a day. In other words I am only here for an hour and then go home. This is a waste of my time. I do like

missing classes, but that is not my point. I recently learned the bomb threats are now optional in terms of whether or not students have to evacuate the building. I do not know about you but I do not mind getting out of class other than it being cold this time of year. The only real problem with this is if the person calling in these threats is really disturbed. They may not think we are taking them seriously and might decide to actually place a bomb in a particular building. I know I do not want to push the wrong buttons when it comes to an issue like this.

If this person is not taken seriously, many people may get hurt. You never know if there is another Timothy McVeigh running around. I know it seems to be out of the ordinary but I am sure there are people that would do this. What I am really trying to say is that if there is a bomb threat in the building I am going to or am currently in, I am getting the hell out of there, whether the teacher likes it or not. Won't you join me?

CHAD SHIRAR
IPFW STUDENT

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COMMENTARY

Honesty always best policy

Eyes facing forward: Jeremy Ecenbarger



Life throws us many turns. Whether it is that surprise quiz in a physics class, a car crash that strands you or a relationship that just seems

to never work out, the circumstances can catch you totally off guard. Many times, these events can change the way you look at life forever.

People weave many webs in today's society. It often seems to get harder and harder to understand what people are thinking and feeling. People often say one thing and mean another. Even worse, they often say nothing at all. It seems to be another battle to even comprehend ourselves, rather than those around us.

People who have read Moliere's "Misanthrophe" may understand this story discusses whether one should always be totally honest or only in certain situations. Even though this book was written in the 1600s, it very much deals with situations in today's time. It flirts with the notion of whether someone should be honest with the ones they care for or whether they should just say the things that others want to hear. It

also discusses how in any times misconceptions can lead to things that go beyond anyone's control.

It is kind of like that MCI commercial when they say you can talk freely on Mondays. If you have not seen it, the characters say things that are purely honest about how they are talking to on the phone. The truth is not pleasant and surely, they were not the listener's intended responses.

Even though this is a mere advertisement for a telephone service, it does raise some interesting questions: How honest should we really be? When are the appropriate times to be sincere?

We all deal with these types of situations daily. Whether it is a husband, wife or lover who says, "Oh, I look awful today," they seem to be looking for a pleasant response. They may be hoping for, "Oh, sweetheart. You look gorgeous."

And they probably don't want to hear, "Yeah, you're right. Maybe you should take that hair little."

I used to go through my week and pick out at least ten instances that I gave out responses that were simply...well, they were simply lies. Yet, many people find the excuse that they were only taking the other person's feelings into consideration. But are they really exceptions?

I find this complete honesty in

only given situations to be a very lame theory. Nevertheless, I guess I recently learned this after years of experiencing the negative effects of the whole scenario.

Throughout everyone's life, I believe there comes a time when we begin to respect the true opinions of those around us. And even though they may be different from our own, we do recognize the importance that they play.

Nothing aggravates me more in the world than someone who is very complimentary and never disagreeing. People who never seem to have one ounce of integrity to say what they feel. Instead, they go through their days conversing with those they really cannot understand, yet do have the courage to criticize. At social gatherings, these events take place quite often. We converse with several people who we hardly cannot stand, yet maintain a type of closure in order to avoid controversy.

We offer compliments and inquire about things that have been going on in the person's life, only to scrape up something we can complain about later. We fake our way through these evenings and seem rather unpartial.

So, as I look over these events, I think I realize just how stupid and absurd—and some people are. Nevertheless, it seems that no matter how hard you try to avoid those

that put on such a fake facade, they almost always return. You cannot run from them. There appears to be only limited ways to avoid them. Confrontation, at some point, seems to be the only clear answer.

Most of the time, after the confrontation is done, both of you will realize just how stupid you have both been. Perhaps many of your problems were just fueled by those misconceptions you have had of one another. Or, if this is not the case, at least you will know that you have been true to them and to yourself.

Maybe people's fears of the opinions of others stem from our own low esteems. Many of us want to be generally liked by everyone. But no matter how hard one tries, this can never be the case. Compliments and criticisms both build character. Without one, there could not be the other. It is all part of life.

In the end, I think we all respect those who are honest. As unpleasant as many of their words may be, we learn to respect their opinions. And when they eventually offer something positive, we can believe their words instead of saying, "Oh, you're just saying that."

Being honest is a valuable character in any person. It gives a person the power to be opinionated, the power to be trusted and the respect that many of us lack. It's true, honestly.

DISCRIMINATION

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Bonnell and the faculty board of review were not given to the board.

"Part of the problem is the university's cavalier attitude toward this review process. At every turn, they treated this as something they had to go through, not as if someone's academic career is on the line," Bonnell said.

The university's attitude concerning the board of review was the catalyst that started the suit, Bonnell said.

English said the university has responded to this complaint through the university's lawyers at Purdue. The university said the complaint was not filed in a timely fashion.

"There are 300 days to file after the final decision and she filed 329 days after it," English said.

English said IPFW has not heard anything from Jones or her lawyer since they filed a motion claiming the suit was filed too late.

"As far as I know that's dead," English said.

Steffy said she was not familiar enough with the case to comment on it. The board of review is a process concerning the reappointment process during the spring semester of 1996, when English denied Jones' reappointment.

Although the university considers this issue dead, Jones said she filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in January.

Jones said she was worried about this complaint affecting her position now.

"When one complains, that can have the effect of traveling with you," Jones said.

Jones teaches at Purdue-West Lafayette and has a chance to be in a tenure track position.

Jones said she was not unhappy about leaving the university and said she was concerned about clearing her record.

"I wanted out of there. It was not a good place to be after things started to change. They lowered the standards in the department and I didn't want to be there," Jones said.

There were also alumni surveys sent out by English which were supposed to be for constructing Jones'

dossier for future promotion and tenure. The board found that English did not collect the data for his said purpose, but that it was "inappropriately used as a basis for non-reappointment."

"My case was not evaluated on the merits itself," Jones said.

Jones alleges IPFW violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the equal pay act.

"These acts of IPFW by and through the Defendant Indiana University caused plaintiff to suffer both monetary harm and emotional distress," Jones' complaint said.

She also said in her complaint she was denied equitable increases in salary although her contributions concerning teaching, research and service compared well with males in the department "who received a greater increase in salary than she received."

Jones attempted to attain another professor's tenure review documents from the professor's board hearing but the professor declined to give this to her.

She said it was nothing personal, but she just got caught in the gears of office politics.

"I'm really quite naive about office politics," Jones said.

The board was unable to make a decision concerning gender discrimination because the board "did not receive the information necessary to conduct a comparative review and determine the validity of this allegation."

Jones said she thinks the decision not to reappoint her was due to her affiliation with another former professor who disagreed with certain policies.

"If anyone comes down in the process, I'm sorry. I'm just fighting for my right to be heard," Jones said.

The suit asks the court to grant judgments in her favor concerning monetary damages and attorney fees.

Jones also asked the court to find in her favor concerning all issues in the law.

Chancellor Michael Wartell said he could not comment on this issue because it concerns a personnel matter.

Fame not all it's supposed to be

Big Rob's Ramblings: Robert Enders



Being famous isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Auto-graph hounds with plans to sell you "John Hancock" stalk you.

Stalkers with romantic ideas about you hound you. Aspects of your personal life you wouldn't even tell your mom end up on the evening news.

Sometimes reporters and photographers get so bad you just want to floor the gas pedal, even though you should be going slow since you know that the glances of wine and antidepressants will screw up your reflexes. Some celebrities accept this because being well-known is an unavoidable byproduct of careers that they've chosen. But sometimes the unwelcome are sucked into the limelight.

For example, you could be minding your own business when someone sees the Virgin Mary in the rust of your Pinto. Next thing you know, a van containing equipment that costs about the same as 100 shares of Ted Turner's soul is blocking your driveway.

So I figured I'd be doing everyone a favor if I found someone who wanted to be famous. That way, the media could harass someone who doesn't mind it and everybody else can enjoy an extra 15 minutes of obscurity.

Last week I tried to find that person. One IPFW student who used to attend North Side High School volunteered, so I arranged an interview. However, she changed her mind during the interview, so

she will be affectionately referred to as "Rhonda the River Rat."

The highlights of the interview are listed below. Irrelevant details have been omitted to save space.

Big Rob: Is there any reason that people should know who you are?
Rhonda the River Rat: People should know who I am because I'm nice and I don't have any enemies and by getting to know me you'll be guaranteed a better friend. (Neither Big Rob nor The Communicator assume responsibility for any guarantees made by Rhonda.)

BR: But the American people, as pragmatic as they are, want to read about someone with an exciting life. Someone with no enemies sounds dull.
RRR: It is dull. But nevertheless, I should be famous because I'm nice.

The interview: dragged on. Nice people are so boring. It made me yearn for the company of the jerk I knew in my K-12 years. It took another snort-head like me to spice up the dialogue after yet another nice guy joined in.

Nice Guy (Rhonda) picks out my food for me sometimes.
BR: She dress you too?
NG: Sometimes.
BR: Is that why you look like (copyrighted cartoon character)?
NG: It's been said before.

After being told she'd might get stalked, she seemed to change her mind.

RRR: I don't want my name in the article.
BR: But if people don't know your name, then you're not famous. (Duh?)
RRR: I don't want to be famous anymore.

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Sugar-Frosted Bishops interviewed

by DODIE MILLER
CHIEF REPORTER

A chilly Tuesday night in November found me inside Columbia Street West, enjoying the spirited talent of another original Fort Wayne band.

The Sugar-Frosted Bishops (a Monty Python reference?) were playing as a part of Midwest Original Music Showcase (M.O.M.S.). These guys add a dimension to the "original music" classification. I could make this very brief by saying you should have been there, but you weren't, so I'll tell you what you missed.

It is obvious that the Bishops are talented young men. A group without talent could not get away with the quirky instrumentation carried out by the Bishops. The Bishops are successful in what they do by not going to musical extremes for very long.

"Spy Song" was a rollicking tune with a strong undertone of lower register notes. This added depth to the song and reminded me of beach music for intellectuals. Needless to say, I kind of wanted to dance. I could tell the rest of the audience was also pleasantly surprised. I kept seeing people look

at each other like, "Can you believe this?" with smiles on their faces.

Just when you think you have the Bishops pegged, they switch on you. You hear the beach-type music and you figure you're in for a night of 60's throwbacks. The evening's boink-rock repertoire included a chipmunk-voiced (Alvin, Simon and Theodore) song that contained what I thought were instrument parts so pathos-laden that Morrissey would be jealous.

I laughed, because the vocals were funny and it was the Bishops. I wasn't supposed to take them seriously. Someone in the audience asked one of his buddies "How'd they do that?" Who cares? It's entertaining!

The Bishops enjoy experimenting with artificial vocals. There was a deep, slow voice song (think Walkman batteries dying) with plucky rhythmic bass that reminded me of Jeffrey "Stay With Me Tonight" Osborne and Billy "Caribbean Queen" Ocean. If you want to get a good idea about how the deep vocals sound before you get the Bishop's tape, check out Styx's album, "Kilroy Was Here." The lovely song, "Heavy Metal Poisoning" has the same muffled, ominous vocals employed in more than one Bishops song.

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Bishops overall sound is disjointed and trippy but functional. It is perfect for twenty- and thirty-somethings who might feel disjointed and trippy and are not quite as functional as they could be. The drummer, Bishop Loors, is given the burden of holding the group together rhythmically, while the bass and guitar take melodic trips.

O n this particular night, the drums are supplemented by maracas and additional drums and keyboard by a fellow musician and friend of the band. The lead singer and bass



The Sugar-Frosted Bishops, left to right: Bishop Duengor, Bishop Tutu and Bishop Loors

Photo courtesy of The Sugar-Frosted Bishops

Duengor: We had angst about being typical. Tutu: (We wanted) to create something outside of what is usually seen in Fort Wayne. (Inspiration is derived from other regional acts)

Dodie: Musical inspiration? Tutu: Everything and nothing.

Duengor: Wide range of music. Loors: Elvis and polka music. Tutu: Nuclear Jealousy and Spike Jones. Dodie: What do you think of the reception you've gotten so far?

Duengor: (Things) look good - good reception.

Tutu: Pleasantly surprised. We don't fit in with anyone. People from all stratospheres say they dig us.

Dodie: What's the group experience been like?

Loors: There's no pressure in this at all for practices or getting a record out... Tutu: because we're all friends. Dodie: What are your future plans?

Loors: Getting our tape out whenever we feel like it. We'll tour when we feel like it. (Laughing). Dodie: Anything you want to add, famous last words?

Tutu: Pax vehicula. (Translation: Peace be with you.)

Such was my interview with the Bishops. Not a religious experience, but definitely enlightening.

Student Takes Education One Day at a Time

By ABIGAIL HORROR
STAFF WRITER

Imagine staring at a blank test, trying hard to concentrate on the first question. However, the person sitting to your left keeps shuffling papers and the person to your right is chewing gum.

Imagine again that those minute noises begin to take control of your concentration. After several minutes, you're trembling and all you want to do is just shake senseless the individuals responsible for the noise.

Unfortunately, this scenario is a reality for one—if not more—of the students on campus.

Joe (whose real name is not being used) is a 38-year-old man who has returned to school to get the most out of an education that he possibly can. One barrier, however, that he faces everyday is a disability which does not allow him to learn using the same methods as other students.

"I have what they call attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder and dyslexia," Joe said. "I can't focus on things and have to find alternative ways to become educated other than reading a book."

An aid that Joe finds most helpful during his times of struggles is the service for disabled students.

"[This service] works as an intervention group to step in ahead of time, to prevent any problems," said Joe.

"If you have a problem, you don't have to deal with it on your own."

Since Randy Borst left last spring, Joe feels the transition with Susan Borror has been very smooth. Borror serves as head of disabled services.

"She came with the enthusiasm and energy needed to really boost the program—keep the pro-

gram going."

A couple of the features this service offers, which is what Joe takes advantage of, are books on tape and quiet places to study and/or take tests. One of the things which concerns Joe the most is the feeling that many students and professors don't fully understand what is going on with disabled students.

"Most of the instructors I've run into have been very good about helping. However, some have not," Joe said.

He feels that an education about the problems people have and about the service actually provides should be given, not only to the professors, but also to the students.

"You'll find that there are certain instructors who, when confronted with this, don't want to have the hassle. They don't understand why I can't just stay in the room and take a test," Joe said.

"But, as the old saying goes: 'Don't judge until you've walked a mile in my shoes.'"

Joe believes that if people have a problem getting educated, it may not be that they're not an intelligent person, but rather that they have an obstacle to overcome.

The instructors should understand that some students have such an obstacle and work with them to overcome it, without embarrassing them in the process.

Joe had an accident four-and-a-half years ago. The resulting injury has put him through twelve surgeries in the last four years.

Adding this to his already existing disorder has made going to school that much more difficult. At times when he is feeling better, it makes him more determined to

complete his degree.

When asked how much longer he'll be in school, he replied, "To be quite honest, I'm taking it one day at a time. I will complete my program when I'm done."

"I know that sounds like sarcastic remark, but I'm not looking at tomorrow or the next day, I'm looking at today. When I'm physically and mentally capable and everything falls into line, then I'll look at my classes."

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Christmas Letter to a Long-Lost Friend

Holiday Non-Fiction

By GAIL RUBLE CRAWFORD
FEATURES EDITOR

"I will be walking someday down a street far away. And see your face in a crowd and smile. Knowing how you made me laugh. Hearing sweet echoes of you from the past. I will remember you."
—Amy Grant, "I Will Remember You"

Dear Friend,

Today I bought my Christmas cards. On the drive home from the store, I mentally made up my mailing list up in my head.

I looked in my over-stuffed address book, trying to make sure I hadn't forgotten anyone. I did last year. I quickly scanned each letter of the alphabet and zipped past your name and address.

I know that you don't live at that address anymore, so I skipped over your name and moved on to the next letter. I haven't talked to you since 1993, and I'm not sure of anything about you anymore. So I moved on, like I have in the last several years in many aspects of my life.

But something made me pause and come back to your name this year. I'm not exactly sure why. More than four years have gone by, and you haven't called me and I haven't called you. No letters have been written, save for a few mental ones that I've never put on paper. After a year or two, it was easier to avoid excuses that made my guilt go away. I guess that happens sometimes.

Maybe it's my fault. I guess that I was kind of in a hurry to get the hell out of this place and go away to school and see the rest of the world.

I was going to go away and make my mark. I guess that I forgot you somewhere along the way.

I had lofty ambitions then. I still have big dreams and plans, but they're different now, colored by experience and marred by time, expanded by growth and changed by choices. Yes, of course I'm still a dreamer, but now I know what the world is really like and my dreams are more realistic because of what I've learned.

Yet, for all of what the world has taught me about moving on and letting go, I still find myself giving pause to your name and thinking of you. I wonder how you are and whether life, in Her infinite beauty and wisdom, has been as kind to you as She has been to me.

I don't know if you've heard or not, but I'm married. I've been married for two years this December. You didn't come to my wedding, so I'm not sure if you even know. My husband's everything that you and I used to dream of finding in a man. You'd like him.

I tried a career that I thought would help me find my place in the world, but recently came to the conclusion that my future lies exactly where I always knew in the back of my mind: it was—in writing. You could have told me that, I suppose. You always liked my poems and made me feel like I was gonna be someone someday. For some stupid reason, I tried to make writing a part of my past—the "old me," but now I know that it's what makes me whole and makes me me. Sometimes we take a few wrong turns and find out that we should have stayed where we were to begin with.

But you, you always had a knack for making me catch the obvious things that I hurried right past and didn't notice. Kinda like your name in this address book I had tried to let you fade out of my life—like time could erase the guilt I've felt for not seeing you—but your name made me stop and think about

you. Once again, you've taught me something: some things just don't fade away.

Maybe I'm holding onto a memory that I have no right to hold onto. Maybe I'm just a part of a past that you long to forget. Maybe I'm just a memory gathering dust in the corner of your soul. Maybe you don't even remember me at all. But I remember you.

Here I sit, writing you this letter, this letter that you may never see, confessing things to you. Remembering things, the strangest little things. You always told me that I was the strong, confident one, able to move on and change. But I found out that I wasn't as strong as I thought I was. So now, sometimes I find myself regretting things. Regretting decisions, regretting choices that I made in the past.

I'm not the same person that I was four years ago, and I hope that I've grown, in spirit and in inner strength. That confidence in myself was something that you gave to me. I've always marched to my own tune, but you gave me the courage to play my tune, and play it loud. Now I play with a strength that makes mountains quiver.

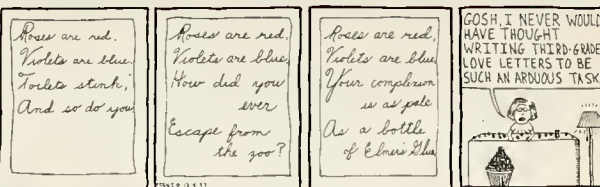
I'm still too quiet, still a thinker who analyzes things too much, but I'm quieter inside than I was years ago. I still carry the weight of the world on my shoulders sometimes, but I've taught myself to do something about what bothers me. I'm still gonna make a mark in this world, but it's not gonna be a mark about myself anymore. Maybe I'll make my mark just by being a good person and living an honest life.

Wherever you are this holiday season, whatever path your choices have taken you down, I hope that you still have that sparkle in your eye and that truth in your heart. I always loved that about you. I hope that life is kind and gentle to your soul.

Thank You, my friend. I'll never forget what you've done for me. Maybe we'll never see each other again, but if our paths should cross somewhere, someday, before we pass into forever, I'll smile. I'll remember you and what you gave me. Maybe you'll even remember me, too.

Love and Peace Always,
Gail

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Campus Calendar

for Dec. 5-11, 1997

- 1 Exhibit: Don Kruse: Alumni and student printmaking, FA foyer; continues through Dec. 19. For information, call 6705.
- 2 Blood pressure clinic, KT 101, 12:15-1:15 p.m.; for information, call 6757.
- 3 Aloha Travel International's Taste of Disney, Ramada Inn, \$30 per person; for tickets, call 219-436-8600.
- 4 College-Level Exam Program (CLEP), WU 116, 8:30 a.m.; for information, call 6600.
- 5 Holiday Benefit Dance featuring the Jazz Ensemble, James D. Ator, director, WU Ballroom, 8 p.m.—midnight; tickets, \$20, per couple or \$15, per single. For information, call 6714.
- 6 Law School Admissions Test, WU 126, 7:45 a.m.; for information, call 6600.
- 7 Drag Show, "There's a Queen in King Arthur's Court and Boy Does He Have Big Hair," sponsored by United Sexualities, WU Ballroom, 7 p.m.; \$5, advance ticket; \$7 at the door. For information, call 6609.
- 8 Black Collegian Caucus, KT 150, noon; for information, call 6808.
- 9 Dinner Series, 6:30 p.m.; for information, call 6562.
- 10 Fort Wayne Hospitality Association's Christmas Party, Anthesis Career Center, \$15 per person; for tickets, call 219-425-7667.

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Technology Corner

By BEN RUBLE
STAFF WRITER

How many of you have ever considered buying a new satellite system? If you have, you were probably overwhelmed by all of the types and names of the various satellite systems (DSS, Dish Network, DirecTV, USB, Primstar, C-Band, etc.). It sounds like a lot of choices, but choices usually make things better, particularly with satellite systems. This week, Technology Corner will give you a quick Who's Who of the various systems and packages so you can choose the one that best suits your needs.

First, DSS refers to Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS). DSS satellite systems are what DirecTV and USB (U.S. Satellite Broadcasting) use to deliver their services. The other 18-inch satellite dish providers are EchoStar's The Dish Network and Primstar.

Every system has different satellite system prices. Most of the satellite systems' prices start at about \$200 and go up to about \$500. Primstar does not charge you for the equipment, but they do charge for the installation (\$149).

All 18-inch satellite systems offer different channel packages. USB's basic package costs \$7.95 per month. The other satellite systems start with larger packages. The Dish Network has a 40-channel package that costs \$19.99 per month. DirecTV has a 70-plus channel package, including 31 Music Choice channels, for \$29.99 per month. Primstar has a 95-channel package that runs \$34.95 per month. Whatever the case, pricing is pretty close on all four of the systems.

If you are in the mood to spend a little more money on a new satellite system, consider a C-Band satellite system. C-Band satellite systems have the huge satellite

dishes that can view numerous different satellites. They may be more expensive, but they do offer many more channels. The satellite package prices vary between package providers, but generally are a little less than the 18-inch satellite systems. C-Band satellite systems now offer digital C-Band and 4DTV receiver. 4DTV receivers can view digital channels on regular C-Band satellites plus regular C-Band channels too.

All of the satellite systems make for a large variety of choices. These choices help keep prices lower and allow people to pick the satellite system that is best suited for them. Every satellite system generally offers different packages

with different channels. For example, with C-Band and 4DTV, you can subscribe to whatever you want. The variety of channels is extremely high on C-Band and 4DTV C-Band systems.

If you're still not sure about satellite systems, talk to a satellite retailer about what system would fit you best. With all of the choices, you're bound to find the perfect satellite system.

For More Information:
The December 8th Fort Wayne Journal Gazette will carry further information. Also visit www.dish-network.com, www.direct.com, www.4dttv.com, www.primstar.com, and www.usb.com. You can also contact a local satellite retailer.

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This week at IPFW

Mens basketball wins second straight Summit City Shootout

By TONY LAUX
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team is off to a fine start at 3-0 in the early season. The first two wins over cross-town rivals, Indiana Tech (73-71) and Saint Francis (65-65), gave the Mastodons their second straight Summit City Shootout title and Brian Johnson the MVP award.

The last win was the toughest because it was an overtime struggle with the College of Saint Francis.

This was where Cradell Key and Adam Moore helped lead the Dons to the win despite 20 turnovers and 1-12 shooting from three point range.

Coach Williams feels that Dane Adams, who is averaging seven rebounds, is "being a steady and consistent player who has stepped up quite a bit."

Four Dons are averaging double figures in points: Johnson with 20.7; Moore with 19.3; Key with 17.0; and Adams 12.3. The team is averaging 81.7 ppg while holding its opponents to 73.3 ppg.

The team's next game is on the road, Thursday night against Great Lakes Valley Conference powerhouse, the University of Southern Indiana (USI).

USI was picked to win the conference in the coach's preseason poll.

After the game the Dons stay on the road for Saturday's contest against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

Johnson leads the team in free throw percentage with 80 percent but the team's overall average is suffering at a 60 percent rate.

Women fall in championship game against Saint Francis

By TONY LAUX
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady's basketball team has fallen on hard times at the beginning of this season.

The team split its opening two games losing against Bloomburg (51-54) and winning against Geneva (78-67).

At the Summit City Shootout, the Ladydons advanced to the championship game by pouncing Indiana Tech (71-49) but falling to Saint Francis (76-68).

This loss has started a string of three more straight losses on the road against Oakland College (55-73), Missouri-Rolla (58-62) and Missouri-Western (69-86).

Leah Sheets has lead the team in scoring in six of the seven games with Katrina Hoeing leading the only other game and Corey Duncan tying Sheets in the game against Oakland.

Shalauna McMillian has been a

rebounding force by averaging 10.3 rebounds a game.

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Three Lady Dons are averaging double figures: Sheets with 19.7; Katie Bruening with 15.0; Dotie Porch with 10.0.

The team is averaging 65.4 ppg and allowing opponents 68.4 ppg en route to a 2-5 record so far this year.

Freshman Duncan is tied for the team lead in free throw percentage with Sheets at 80 percent.

Pippen wants out of Chicago

Dirty Laundry: Tony Laux



*Times are a changing in Hawaii.

There used to be a time when college teams would schedule the Rainbows for a great vacation and a gimme win but with the recent win over Indiana in basketball and the near upset of Notre Dame in football teams, they had better reconsider their travel plans.

Notre Dame may be headed to a bowl but they had better hope for a team who can't run the ball because they sure can't defend it.

Indiana is heading downhill quickly and things do not look like they are going to get any better unless they can get rid of the lazy attitudes.

*The poor, poor Alliance. If I hear how they don't get to have the number one team in one of their bowls again I think I am going to barf!

These are the idiots who made the deal and they should have foreseen that the possibility of a number one team from the PAC-10 or the Big Ten could happen. It's not like these conferences have had awful teams for the last five years.

Since this is the last year for the Alliance, the Super Alliance made sure that the Rose Bowl would be included so a number one team will face the number two team no matter what conference they come from.

*Go Bears! I don't care where you go, just leave the city and take your worthless coach with you so a real team can be found.

After a 35-point loss to Detroit on Thanksgiving, I was hoping for another Turkey to get his head cut off, but Michael McKasky emphasized that Dave would be back for another year.

Why? He can't get the team to perform and the talent isn't there. Since they are in line for the second pick they need to start figuring out who they can ship out and try to get more picks in the draft. Look for Alton Spellman and Rashawn Salaam to be gone by draft day.

*Top Five Reasons that Scottie Pippen wants to be traded:

5. He figures whining helped Shawn Kemp to get more money so it should work for him.

4. Since Central Arkansas is in the NAIA (National Association of Ineligible Athletes) his degree might not mean as much.

3. He wants to expand his horizons by playing for another contender, like Denver.

2. He may be on the list of the 50 best in the NBA, but obviously not on the 50 smartest.

1. Since Albert Belle arrived in Chicago, Pippen got tired of losing "Biggest Crybaby" in Chicago award.

*Since the Colts have all but locked up the number one pick in the NFL, draft the speculation is whether they will take Peyton Manning as the number one pick.

The Colts should figure out that they need more than a quarterback but of course they will waste the pick so that they can have four quarterbacks on their roster who can't complete a pass because they are too busy running for their lives.

*The Pacers have started to come together as a team and are steadily moving up the Central Division standings.

I would never have believed it but Jalen Rose is starting to become a point guard who can pass instead of just one who can't shoot.

Now if the team can figure out that they need other people to score other than Reggie.

*Purdue coming off its "satisfying" trip to Bloomington may not be smelling roses but they are headed to a bowl.

Fans can admit that you thought when the team hired Tiller as coach he was going to be another Fred Akers but thank God for hnnng "basketball on grass" to West Lafayette.

*Eddie Robinson ended his career this weekend after 56 years as head coach at Grambling. He was hired in 1941 and compiled a 408-165-15 lifetime record in his 56 years. WOW!!

*Top Five flops of the year:

5. The Chicago Bulls. It's early but they are looking very vulnerable.

4. Indiana Hoosiers. Losing in football and basketball. New coach, new uniforms and they still got spanked by the Boilers.

3. Tennessee Vol's. You have got to beat Florida

2. Miami Hurricanes. The NCAA sanctions finally have nailed them. If they could only bail out their defensive backfield they may have had a team.

1. Colorado Buffaloes. Preseason #1 what a joke?

*Top Five surprises of the year:

5. Missouri. Take away Nebraska's fluke touchdown and they would be number one on this list

4. Cleveland Indians. Admit it, when you saw Albert Belle leave, you thought the old lousy Indians would return.

3. IPFW mens basketball. Two years ago, the Dons couldn't buy a win. Now, with a new coach they've started to win.

2. Notre Dame. After opening losses to Purdue and Michigan, the season looked hopeless.

1. Purdue. The Boilers showed they had talent and drive, but with a decent coach, they became a team to be reckoned with. This hasn't happened since Bob Greise played in West Lafayette.

But don't get your hopes up Boiler fans. Look at where Northwestern was two years ago and look where they are now.

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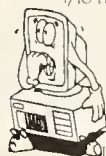
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